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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Yasuhiro SHIMADA et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2881
Application No.: 09/819,906)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 5368
Filed: March 29, 2001)	
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For: ELECTRON OPTICAL SYSTEM ARRAY,)	
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE	:	April 29, 2004
SAME, CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM)	
EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE	:	
MANUFACTURING METHOD)	

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SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 23, 2001, January 29, 2003, June 4, 2003, October 14, 2003, November 6, 2003, December 12, 2003, and January 30, 2004, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed patents were cited during prosecution of copending U.S. patent application number 09/819,907, filed March 29, 2001, a copy of which was previously submitted in this application.

In addition, Applicants again request consideration of the five published U.S. patent applications, which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 30, 2004. Applicants submit that these documents were properly cited under the rules as being

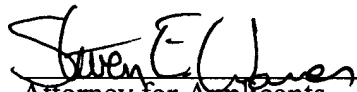
relevant information and, therefore, should be considered by the Examiner. These five published U.S. patent applications are again listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. No additional copies of these publications are provided, however, as they were previously provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 30, 2004.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fee be deemed necessary for filing this paper.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

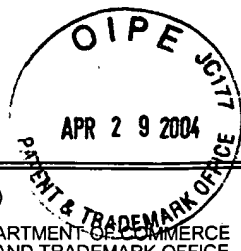
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